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REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been amended in order to bring about accord between the numbering of the formal drawings and the references to the drawings in the specification. Applicant submits that the amendment thus does not constitute the introduction of new matter, and respectfully requests entry of the amendment prior to examination of the application.

Applicant notes that double brackets [[]] were used instead of strikethrough to indicate material to be deleted in order to provide greater legibility, since in many cases only one or only a few characters were deleted.

The application includes claims 1-17.

Formal Matters and Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine and pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account #50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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